

am one that will have to do something else. Now, we must not be forgetful of the missions till the corn is raised and plucked, there will be quite a space between now and then. The Lord bless His children to the upbuilding of His cause and mission work. Saving souls.

LOVED ONES

I am at home again altho I have not been away from here only not settled in a home prior till now. Brother McFaden's went to Carleton, Neb. Address me 1182 W. Taylor Street, Chicago.

Please sent all mail to the same. I am living with Brother and Sister Barth. I will write about our work as best I can and do all I can to have it prosper. Pray for us.

Yours in the work,

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Our Young People

CHRISTIAN COURAGE

Mark 10 : 32-34 ; Acts 21 : 10-14

Topic for June 12

The world has always placed courage high among its catalog of virtues. It has spurned with contempt the man who will not dare to do the right thing, but it has not possessed an adequate conception of what is the right thing in all cases. Therefore many things have been considered courageous in the past because they were thought to be right which are now regarded as cowardly because known to be wrong. Dueling is an example of this. Avenging injury to self or friends is another. The time will yet come when war will be among the discarded barbarities of the past and the kingdom of love shall prevail. At present the unchristianized condition of a part of the world makes some things inevitable which will be inexcusable by and by.

The Christian must show his courage not only by refusing to do the wrong, but by actively aiding the right. The sin of the light under the bushel is not in being darkness but that in being light it does not shine where it may be seen. In most of us the spirit is willing but we lack the courage to stand in spite of the weakness of the flesh. By a study of courage in the light of scripture we will see more clearly that the test of courage is very simple. It is for us to ask in any doubtful case "Is this pleasing to him?" (John 8 : 29) and abide by the answer.

What Christian Courage is not

1. It is not haughtiness, Rom. 13 : 7 ; 11 : 20.
2. It is not boldness, Jude 12.
3. It is not revenge, Luke 22 : 50, 51.

Some of Its Characteristics

4. The fear of the Lord, Heb. 5 : 7, 8 ; Ps. 128 : 1-4 ; Gen. 22 : 12 ; Prov. 8 : 13.
5. Fears no evil, Ps. 23 : 4 ; Heb. 13 : 5 ; Rom. 8 : 15 ; Rev. 2 : 10.
6. But fears to sin, Luke 12 : 5 ; Matt. 10 : 26, 28 ; Heb. 11 : 7.
7. Is thoughtful, Luke 14 : 31-34.
8. Is humble, 1 Cor. 2 : 3.
9. Is trustful, Matt. 10 : 31 ; Luke 12 : 7.
10. Is hopeful, Luke 12 : 32.
11. Is patient and obedient, Rev. 13 : 10 ; 14 : 12.

Helps to Courage

12. Consciousness of doing right, II Chron. 16 : 19.
13. Good companionship, Acts 28 : 15 ; Mark 6 : 7.
14. Waiting on the Lord, Ps. 27 : 14.
15. Persecution, Phil. 1 : 12-14.
16. God with us, Gen. 26 : 24 ; Isa. 41 : 10-13 ; Num. 14 : 9 ; Matt. 28 : 19, 20.

Causes of Cowardice

17. Not being on the Lord's side, Josh. 2 : 10, 11.
18. Hypocrisy, Isa. 33 : 14.
19. All sin, Heb. 16 : 27-31.
20. God cannot use cowards, Deut. 20 : 8 ; Judges 7 : 3.
21. The end of the fearful, Rev. 21 : 8 ; Prov. 10 : 24 ; Job 3 : 25.

Examples and questions to be discussed

1. Joshua, Josh. 5 : 13, 15.
2. Caleb, Number 13 : 27-32.
3. Nehemiah, Neh. 6 : 1-14.
4. Daniel, Dan. 6 : 10.
5. David, I Sam. 17.
6. Peter and John, Acts 5 : 28-30.
7. Paul, Acts 21 : 10-14.
8. Christ, Mark. 10 : 32-34.
9. In what ways can we manifest Christian courage?
10. What is the difference between Christian courage and any other kind of courage?

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Topic Thoughts

Heroes are trained in the school of Christ. Courage is more a spirit than an act.

The eyes that are open see heroes every day.

After we have seen the face of the Master we can not fear the face of man.

Only those who do not flinch lions' dens can become prophets of the Lord.

Many of the Bible's choicest promises are to those who overcome, to those of the courageous heart.

Courageous Christians are the outposts of God's army, around whom his feeble followers rally.

Heroes of the present are made by acquaintance with heroes of the past.

The apostles were willing to be stoned if thereby they might draw people to hear the gospel.

It is sometimes harder to be a hero in the kitchen than on a field of battle ; therefore the kitchen hero is the greater.

The record of Christian mission is one long roll of heroes. Since the days of Paul the world has beheld no braver servants of God than the Livingstones, the Mackays, the Gilmours, the Williamses, the Hanningtons, the Patons, and the Moffats, who have carried the Light of the world into the darkness of the regions beyond.

The hero of heroes is Jesus. The cross stands forever as the sublimest deed of courage in the annals of the universe. For the tender and sensitive Christ, with the finest nature that flesh ever clothed, to walk unflinchingly to an excruciating death that he could easily escape, and that he did not deserve, all for the sake of sinful men who, even as he died for them, cursed and reviled him—that is the grandest and bravest spectacle that eyes of angels have ever seen.

If one wishes a spiritual tonic, a genuine stiffening up of his religious courage, he has only to read through carefully the book of The Acts. That is preeminently the Bible's book of boldness. Brave men and heroic deeds crowd its pages. Disciples witnessing for their Master in the face of showers of stones ; returning to cities from which they

had been driven by murderous mobs to preach again the gospel ; singing the Lord's songs in the desolation of a prison's midnight ; making stripes and stones, shipwreck and persecution the occasions for testifying in the Name—such are some of the courageous acts in this book that inspire in the reader's hearts the same brave spirit.

'I KICKS AGIN, IT SAH !'

Young poeple who are in the habit of indulging in sinful amusements, and especially those who favor amusements and entertainments of a questionable character, will find quite a good deal more than mere amusement in the following story related as an actual experience by the pious Dr. A. J. Gordon :

Such was the vehement exclamation of Brother Moses. My first acquaintance with Moses began thus :

Soon after the close of the war, a neighbor said to me one day, "I wish you would call in and see my colored man, who has recently come to me from the South. I assure you he is a character."

I called one morning according to request, and after a pleasant introduction, I said, "Brother Moses, I wish you would tell me your Christian experience, if you can spare time for it."

"I allers has time enough for dat sah," he replied. "It was on the sixth day of October, 1853, at three o'clock in de morning, in massa's cornfield in ole Virginny, that the Lord spoke peace to my soul.

"I had been a-mournin' for weeks, yet all de while more or less confidential in myself, and settin' store by de heaps of good works and prayers and repentin's I'd done. But at last dese deceitful refuges began to gib way, and de foundations of de great deep broke up in my soul, and for three days and nights I could neither eat, drink, nor sleep, a-mournin' and a-wailin' for my sins.

"At last, nigh sunrise, in the third day, out in de cornfield, I says : ' Lord, you must save dis despairin' sinner, or he'll die. I know I's wicked, and vile, and rebellious, but den you's all merciful and forgiving.'

"He reached out his hand edgeways toward me, and if dat hand had been a sharp two-edged sword, it couldn't cut me open quicker'n it did, separatin' de jints and de marrer, and layin' bare de corruption of my heart. I never dreamed what a heap of blackness dar was in dat heart till dat mornin'. Den quicker'n I can tell, He reached out his hand agin, so kinder soft and tender, and closed me up and didn't leave a rent or a scar or a sore place in my heart, and he says to me, 'Son, dy sins, which is many, is forgiven dee.'

"Den I knowed I'd been born again; dat old things has passed away, and all things had become new. From dat day I's been surer dat I's born'd again dan I am dat I was borned de first time. Dat's my experience. Some folks don't believe it, but I knows it, for its what I's tasted and seen."